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### **\$275,000 Settlement Reached with J & S Metals, Inc.**

Los Angeles --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announced it has reached a settlement with J & S Metals, Inc. (J & S) and members of the Madick family for hazardous waste violations at the J & S facility located at 9401-9405 South Alameda Street in the City of Los Angeles. J & S has no permit or other authorization from DTSC to treat, store, or dispose of hazardous waste at its facility.

Under terms of a Stipulation for Settlement (Stipulation) signed on September 13, 2004, J & S must pay a penalty of \$175,000, Eddie and Ida Madick, owner of the property the J & S facility is located on, are liable for \$50,000 and Kenneth Y. Madick, owner of J & S is liable for \$50,000. A copy of the Stipulation finalizing the settlement is available on the DTSC website at [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov).

“This settlement, a joint effort of DTSC and the Attorney General’s office, is an important step in ensuring public safety and protection of the environment. We are pleased that J & S has agreed to bring their facility into compliance with hazardous waste management laws and regulations”, said B.B. Blevins, DTSC Director.

The settlement stems from a violation revealed during inspections by the Task Force Support and Special Investigations Branch in May 1998, March 1999, May 2003, and July 2003. J & S improperly stored and disposed of hazardous waste residues from metal shredding operations in open bins and waste piles.

The settlement requires J & S to correct all violations and complete all clean up work at the facility within six months of the date of this Stipulation.

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**The Department of Toxic Substances Control’s mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.**